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II. ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SOCIETIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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" No decision has yet been made in selecting a name for the new unified organization of Czechoslovak scientific and technical societies. The SIA [Society of Engineers and Technicians] proposed Ustredni technicky Svaz (Central technical association); we proposed Vedecko-technicky Svaz (Scientific-technical association) or scientific-technical community CSR. The organization committee of the Society of Engineers and Technicians (SIA) has worked out a proposal for the statutes of the future scientific-technical organization (which we will call VTO hereafter). This proposal was discussed in the technical section of the organization committee of the Central Action Committee of the National Front. According to this proposal the VTO is supposed to have a vertical structure (that is, according to technical branches) and a horizontal structure (for common tasks). In the vertical organization the following branches or sections were agreed upon and will be submitted to all technical societies, institutions and other interested parties:

1. Mining
2. Foundry
3. Casting
4. Machines
5. Elektrotechnic [Electrical Engineering]
6. Water-economy
7. Gas, water and sanitation (with central heating and air conditioning)
8. Transportation
9. Construction
10. Ceramics and glass

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11. Architecture, area planning, and apartment development
12. Chemicals
13. Geodesy
14. Agriculture [Forestry Engineering],
15. Forest technic, wood and paper
16. Food
17. Textiles and clothing
18. Shoes, leather and rubber.

The original proposal ~~is~~ of the SIA also included societies for economic science and practice, and for graphical technic, and a transportation society divided into automobile, railroad, aviation and navigation branches. It also included societies for mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, geology, etc.

For the horizontal structure of the VTO the following departments were agreed upon:

1. Registration of members
2. Technical experts
3. Norms
4. Testing and marking
5. Inventions and patents
6. Research
7. Technical documentation
8. Museums
9. Technical literature
10. Economic science and practice, planning
11. Scientific organization of production and enterprises
12. Safety and hygiene in work

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13. Technical schools
14. Propaganda
15. Relations with foreign countries
16. Administration of VTO

These horizontal sectors will be directly under the central leadership of the VTO. The relationship of the vertical sectors (branches) to the central management is not known as yet. First it was assumed that only the VTO would be an independent jurisdictional body and that the societies would be dependent upon the VTO, similarly to the organization of the ROH (Central Trade Organization). There are many who are in favor of a structure similar to those in the USSR, HUNGARY and POLAND, where the technical societies are independent and directed by a head organization, such as the VSNITO in the USSR, the NOT in POLAND and MTESZ in HUNGARY. The legal character of the VTO is also as yet undetermined.

In addition, the Chamber of Engineers has worked out a proposal for a technical organization, according to which this organization would be divided into:

1. Technical centers
2. Technical societies
3. Technical institutions

The technical centers would be subdivided into:

- a. Centers of technical science
- b. Centers of technical work
- c. Centers of technical culture.

The center of technical culture would be subdivided into technical societies.

Membership in the societies would be voluntary and free to all who wish to apply."

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